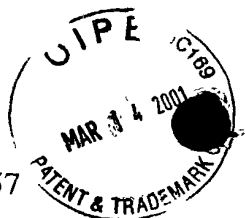


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to consideration of the above-referenced new Patent Application, please
amend the Application as follows:

In the Title:

Please amend the title of the invention to --METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR TRANSMITTING DATA OVER A NETWORK WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME
LIMIT--.

In the Drawings:

Please approve the drawing changes as shown in red on the attached marked-up copies of Figures 4 and 6. A separate letter to the Draftsman indicating the same proposed drawing changes is also enclosed.

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Title to better describe the present invention.

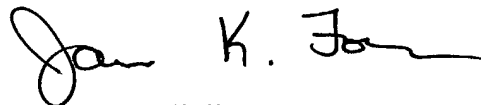
With regard to the drawings, Applicants have included herewith marked-up copies of Figures 4 and 6, with the proposed changes in red. The proposed changes correct obvious typographical errors, and do not add new matter. Approval of the proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 4 and FIG. 6.

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FIG. 3

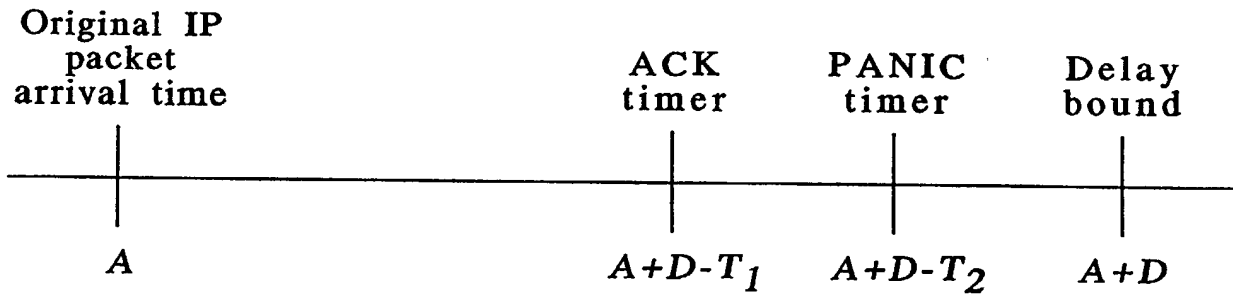


FIG. 4

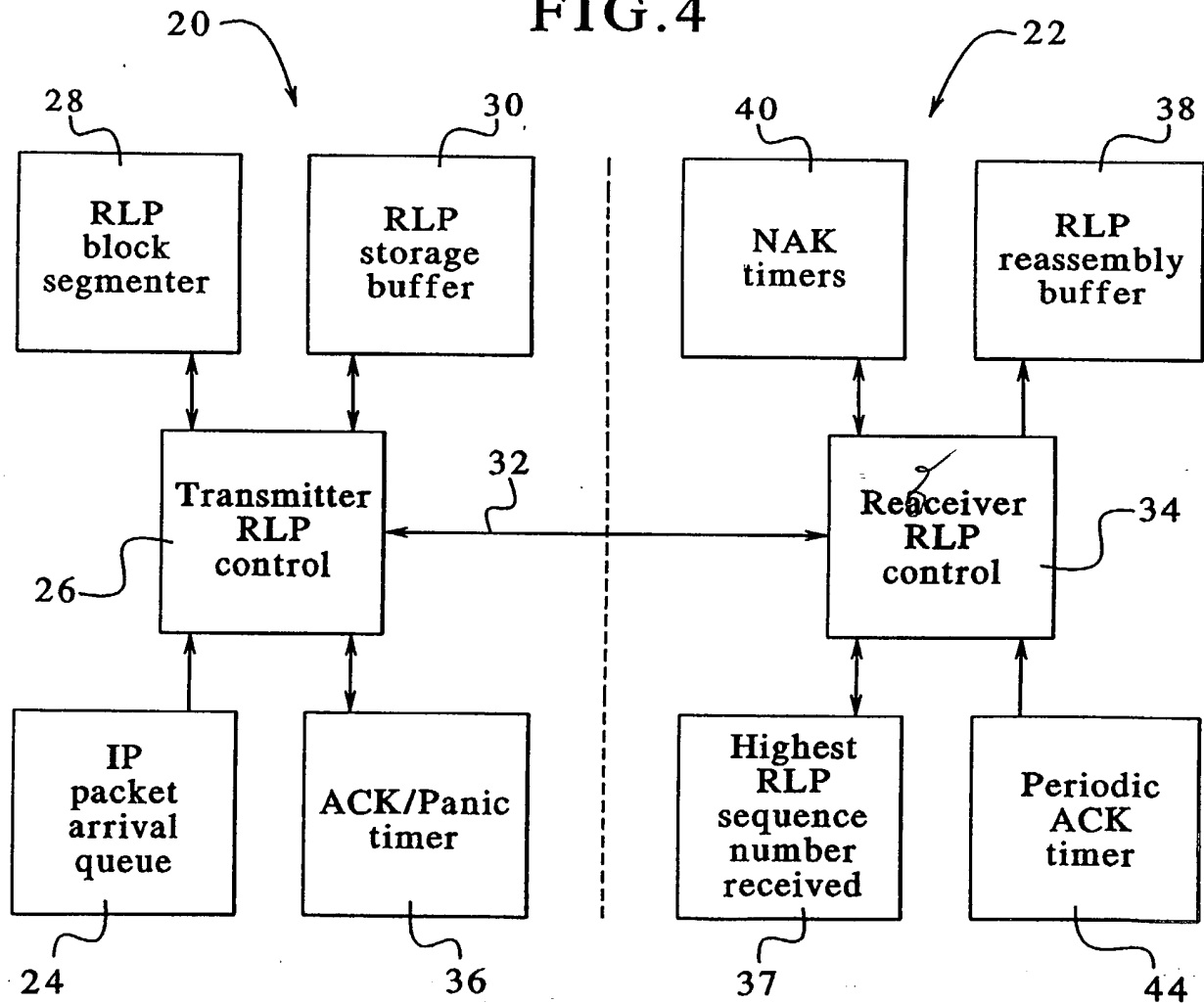


FIG. 6

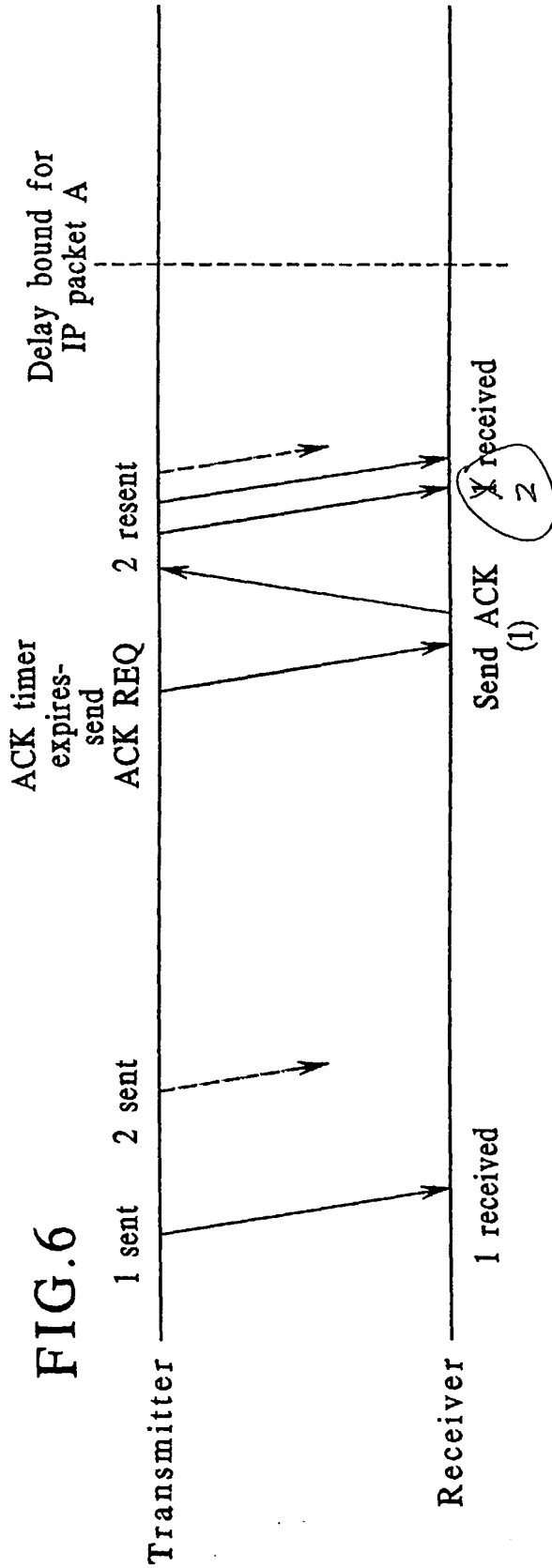


FIG. 7

